

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants : Fangrow et al.  
App. No : 09/879,364  
Filed : June 12, 2001  
For : MEDICAL VALVE WITH POSITIVE  
FLOW CHARACTERISTICS  
Examiner : Kevin C. Sirmons  
Art Unit : 3767

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing seventeen (17) references to be considered by the Examiner. Ten (10) foreign patent references and/or non-patent literature as listed on the Information Disclosure Statement are also enclosed.

As previously disclosed, U.S. Patent No. 6,245,048, this application's parent, is currently involved in a reissue proceeding as Reissue Application No. 10/217,213. Office Actions issued in that proceeding are included here. If the Examiner considers any additional information from this or any other application to be material, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's counsel.

As previously disclosed, the '048 patent has also been involved in litigation between assignee, ICU Medical, Inc., and an accused infringer of the patent, B. Braun Medical, Inc. Applicant has included a Docket Sheet from this litigation. If the Examiner considers any additional information from this case or its filings to be material, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's counsel.

Applicant previously submitted U.S. Patent No. 5,730,418. This reference has since entered Re-Examination proceedings and has been assigned Re-Examination Application No. 90/006,177. Applicant is resubmitting this reference in the attached PTO/SB/08 equivalent along

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with a copy of an amendment filed by the owner of the patent during the Re-Examination proceedings. Applicant invites the Examiner to review the amendment as well as the rest of the prosecution history of Application No. 90/006,177.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date, with an RCE or before receipt of a first office action after an RCE and no fee is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document Number Number - Kind Code (if known) Example: 1,234,567 B1	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	3,171,412	03-02-1965	Braun	
	2	5,322,518	06-21-1994	Schneider	
	3	5,509,433	04-23-1996	Paradis	
	4	5,555,908	09-17-1996	Edwards et al.	
	5	5,839,715	11-24-1998	Leinsing	
	6	6,142,446	11-07-2000	Leinsing	
	7	6,428,520	08-06-2002	Lopez et al.	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document Country Code-Number-Kind Code Example: JP 1234567 A1	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>1</sup>
	8	2,149,725	11-1995	Canada		

## NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>1</sup>
	9	US District Court Civil Docket; U.S. District – California Northern (San Francisco); 3:01cv3202; ICU MEDICAL, INC. V. B BRAUN MEDICAL, INC., filed: 8/21/01; date docket was printed: 7/6/05	
	10	Minute Entry from Motion Hearing Held August 22, 2002; Filed in Case No.: 01-CV-03202-CRB	
	11	Official Communication issued by the European Patent Office for European Divisional Patent Application 04 00 9982.2 dated 8/23/05	
	12	Office Action dated 12/16/03 for Application No.: 10/217,213	
	13	Office Action dated 5/5/05 for Application No.: 10/217,213	
	14	International Search Report dated August 27, 1999	
	15	International Search Report dated April 17, 1998	
	16	U.S. Patent No. 5,730,418 along with a copy of an amendment filed by the owner of the patent during Re-Examination proceedings, the amendment received by the U.S. Patent & Trademark office on March 19, 2003	
	17	European Search Report dated June 30, 2004	

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
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